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Subject: Proposal for Dicamba Drift Mitigation
Attachments: Dicamba-Hoods Proposal to EPA.pptx

Hi Dan and Jeff,

Hope you are well, and I know you're very busy so I'll get right to the point. I've attached on behalf of Steve Claussen of Willmar Fabrication a proposal for OPP's consideration of options for future dicamba registrations. Jeff, I know Steve shared his thoughts and some information with you last week. Attached is a slide deck with the proposal and supporting information. We've had conversations with Bayer representatives and we'll share this information with them soon.

Our proposal simply is this: for any future registration of a OTT dicamba product, require applicators to use quality spray hoods in those areas of consistent high wind and high drift incidents. Weather and incident data included in the slide deck show this area is primarily in five upper mid-west states. This restriction would not be necessary for applicators in areas that do not have these factors. Weather data from the last three years strongly suggest applicators do not have enough time to legally treat all of the soybean acres in these areas and may therefore make drift prone applications in wind above 10 mph to meet work demands, label spray end-date, and product efficacy. Studies of Willmar's spray hoods that OPP has on file demonstrate the efficacy of significantly reducing particle drift as compared to standard (open) boom sprayers.

Executing this proposal would require the manufacture, sale, and distribution of many additional hooded sprayers to treat the soybean acres in these areas, but with sufficient lead time Steve believes this is doable for 2021 for his company and any other hood manufacturer. Additionally, Steve is willing to partner with Bayer and other registrants on pricing and execution of a program. Steve has a history of working with registrants, including Monsanto, Syngenta, and AmVac.

The slide deck is in four parts: proposal, rationale, and execution; followed by soybean acreage and planting and emergence dates for the five states; effect of weather reducing spray days; and, wind and incident maps. We acknowledge our proposal targets particle spray drift in the areas with consistent weather conditions that favor drift.

We realize the dicamba drift issue is very complex. Steve and I would like the opportunity to address and questions you may have, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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